



# ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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**ISSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Rose Garden Café, Elk Grove Village**  
**October 10, 2014**

**Attendees:**

- Claudio Frigo, President
- Goran Guzina, Treasurer
- Renata Bechtoldt, Secretary
- Hector Nava, Financial Secretary
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Delegate-at-Large
- Chester Blaszkowski, VP Marketing & PR
- ~~Filip Cejovic, Recording Secretary~~

**11:28 – Call meeting to order**

- Welcome Statement – President
- Revised By-Laws were sent to rules committee; then sent to ISSA affiliation members for review, comments and feedback a month prior to the meeting
- ISSA will continue to operate; USASA “bail-out” for financial reasons only
- Pre-requisite was to rewrite our By-Laws
- Further discussions around new By-Laws
- Question asked by Joe Zyzda – does a quorum exist for the ISSA meeting. Answer: Yes
- Review Agenda
- Introduction of Carlton Fischer – parliamentary (election)
- Moment of silence
- Roll Call: AML, CLASA, IWSL, MSL, NSL, PSL, Tri-County, World Soccer League
- Attendance Sheet (enclosed)
- Quorum - # of directors; # of affiliates; proceed with meeting and elections
- Voting strengths are established
- ISSA Annual General Meeting 2013 – review of meeting minutes / not available for review / no notes taken
- No approval of 2013 ISSA AGM
- 2013 - No record of election; timing of election; follow old by-laws
- Agree/Disagree on the updated By-Laws
- Question over board positions – Dr. Gross

**USASA Updates/Information – Pierre**

- Insurance / Waiver of Liability
- Covered by Nationwide / register on-line for waiver of liability
- League Apps / System demo available for any affiliate members
- League training around on-line registration
- Register once (upload in system); no need for new photos and waivers (if already registered in system)
- Tutorials available
- Insurance:
- Basic Plan (included in the \$20 player pass) – coverage up to \$5,000
- League decision on Basic or Premium Plans – additional \$3.75 per player for coverage up to \$25,000
- Literature around medical coverage available to all members
- Insurance coverage is secondary coverage
- Request to post copy of insurance policy on-line
- Ability to create mailing list from League Apps; keep individuals informed of all USASA events

- USASA office located at Toyota Park – check for office hours / change frequently
- Schedule an appointment
- On-line registration and ability to send passes via US postal service
- Progress with ISSA – looking forward to continued work

**Claudio’s comments:**

- USASA Annual General Meeting (Florida) – voted to change Fiscal Year to align with Calendar Year (transition from September 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>) - effective January 1, 2015
- ISSA will need to review and discuss how to best address aligning with new fiscal year (business terms)
- Registration dates need to be defined (address with ISSA in separate meeting)
- Annual General Meeting (address with ISSA in separate meeting)

**YSRA | Timothy Deters**

- Provided Annual Report 2013/2014
- Hire one more person
- IYSA mandatory background checks for all referees
- ISSA implemented same mandatory checks for referees
- Referee clinic in Feb/March 2015 – national instructor; English, Spanish (need Polish)

**Discussion Topics:**

- By-Laws and Influence over Board Elections in 2013
- Voting sequence – years and term
- Changes to board and positions
- Dedicated to the game / appreciation (Claudio)
- Looking forward to working with ISSA affiliates
- Conflict of interest fully discussed and all ISSA board members disclosed any potential conflicts in writing / all board members have vowed to recuse themselves from any matters or issues where a conflict exist
- Ability to promote ISSA and answer the following question: “What is the ISSA doing for me?”
- Discuss the tangible benefits of the USASA/ISSA
- Ability to raise players’ passes fee by \$2 (Greg Vlamakis)
- Kudos to Goran Guzina for his contributions as Treasurer
- Joe Zyzda asked about borrowing money from leagues to free ISSA from USASA

**Elections | Carlton Fischer**

- Staggered voting process discussed in depth
- Voting strength by primary player registration
- Six (6) board members: 2014 → 2018
- Five (5) board member: 2014 → 2017
- Positions: 2,4,6,9,10,11 – up for elections
- Received 5 petitions / nominations for 6 positions
- Position #11 – doesn’t have nominee

Position	Nominee/Elected
Executive Vice President	Ante Loncar
Secretary	Andy Sotiropoulos
Vice President, Marketing	Chester Blaszk
#3 Delegate-At-Large	Filip Cejovic
#4 Delegate-At-Large	Hector Nava
#5 Delegate-At-Large	Rolando Gonzalez

Close elections

- Section 6.3, 6.5 and 7(c) – review and revise per discussions
- Question about whether President has the authority to fill vacancies – yes, with board approval

**Financial Report | Goran Guzina, Treasurer**

- Review/Explanation of Past Account Practices
- Discussion by Gregory around \$92,000 – bank statement did not include accounts payable
- Auditing Approval Discussions – provided by World League Representative
- Inappropriate Auditing Processes – used in the past by the ISSA
- Discussion around \$150 per team fee – Gregory, Rolando, Pierre
- \$150 fee waived in 2014 due to complaints from affiliated leagues
- Budget trimmed w/ISSA due to the \$150 elimination
  
- For the Good of Soccer
  
- Purchase Trophy for League Champions – Greg Nipson, World League Soccer
  
- ISSA Annual General Meeting Agenda and Reports provided to all attendees